



The Sunrise

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Sunrise Calendar

(Subject to change)

July

- 7: No meeting
- 14: Regular meeting, 7am, Holiday Inn Express
Virginia Weiskopf discusses artificial intelligence
- 21: Regular meeting, 7am, Naperville Country Club
- 28: No meeting

August 13: Our Club is once again hosting Naperville Rotary Ride, which we launched 26 years ago in memory of Rotarian Carmen DiGiovine. <https://napervillerotaryride.com/>

*please direct ideas for speakers and Club projects to **Bill Hassett***

Our New President "I love this club!"



Sri Namasivayam

Sri began his talk by praising **Deb Newman** and **Dawn Newman** for arranging the installation venue, which had to be changed at the eleventh hour due to bad weather and Canadian smoke pollution that drove us indoors. Through sheer determination, urgent phone calls to the Park District, and help from **Tim Belgio**, we were able to secure the Rubin Center.

Interestingly it was a member of the Rotary Club of Naperville - **Prakash Tata** – who suggested that Sri choose our Club. Sri was sponsored by **Geoff Roehl** and immediately threw himself into Club projects, earning him the 2020-2021 Rookie of the Year honor.

In his installation address Thursday, Sri attributed our Club's success to "strong leadership," "great fellowship," and a willingness to pitch in and help each other. It was that fellowship, he said, that kept him from freezing to death during our 2022 5K event.

Sri admitted that when he was offered the presidency, he was "humbled" and wondered, "what did I sign up for?" He said he would welcome "armchair" advice during his presidency.

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2023 Leadership Installation



Stephanie Randall
A hard act to follow

In her presidential farewell speech, **Stephanie Randall** thanked those who helped her navigate a dizzying year of Club and District activities while she, with husband Jason's help, juggled Rotary duties, her business, three young daughters, and an overhaul of the Club web site.

"When I was pregnant with Chloe two years ago, I was "voluntold" to be president in 2022-23. However, **Mary Ann Bobosky** promised (that) all of you would help me this year. And you did! And we do have fun, don't we? This is a club of action. You're here because you want to make a difference – and you do!"

(Award recipients will be featured in the August issue)



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District Governor nominee **Bonnie Sanchez-Carlson** installed Sрни and his Board of Directors. From left: **Anna Botos** (Club secretary); **Stephanie Randall** (past president); **Sрни Namasivayam**; **Marion Ruthig** (president-elect); **Bill Hassett** (vice president); **Dawn Newman** (international chair & social chair); **Deb Newman** (community chair & PR chair); **Nikhil Gupta** (Foundation chair). Observing is **JoAnne Ragona**, assistant governor and club advocate. 2023-24 Officers not shown above:



Mary Ann Bobosky
(Vocational chair)

Lynne Nolan
(Youth Services chair)



Tom Miers and **Geoff Roehll** (Membership)
See photo on page 4.



John Keough
(co-sergeant with **Bill Hassett**).

Bruce Dixon
(newsletter)



Community Service Grants

In May and June our Club distributed \$27,400 in Community Service grant money. **Bill Hassett** posed with three not-for-profits who received proceeds from our St. Patrick's Day 5K event:

Marion Ruthig, the Inside-Out Club



Erika Wood, the YMCA Safe 'N Sound program.



Mike Briggs, Little Friends



Deb presented Community Service Grant money to (from left) **Sheena McGowan**, Teen-Parent Connection, **Laverne Matthews**, the Alive Center, **Lisa Spaeth**, West Suburban Community Pantry, **(Deb)**, **Trudy Ranson**, Indian Prairie Educational Foundation, **Nina Menes**, Kids Matter.

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They just kept coming!"



Thanks to **Deb Newman's** marketing efforts, our May 20 Working Bikes for Africa drive exceeded expectations. A total of 59 bikes were delivered to the collection point at the Naperville Bank and Trust parking lot on Washington Street. That brought the total number of bikes ready for pickup by the non-profit organization to 69. Some passers-by saw our signs and promised to drop more bikes off at the bank storage entrance. Project Chairman **Mike Albrow** was at a loss for words, saying he was delighted that his last bike collection as a Naperville Rotarian was a big hit.



Collection crew from left: **Shelley Taylor, Mike Albrow, Bruce Dixon, NNHS Interact volunteers Jessie and Lucy, Mark Larson.**



*"Our (Rotary) culture hasn't changed much...we're a hands-on group that loves to get our hands dirty. All for one and one for all!" - **Geoff Roehll.***



*Originals – **Tom Mier and Geoff Roehll***

In case you missed it, May 24 was our Club's 32nd anniversary. The fact wasn't lost on **Stephanie**, who asked Club charter members **Tom Miers** and **Geoff Roehll** to reminisce. They explained that the club was launched with 34 charter members and chose a (choke) woman (**Lauren Riker**) to be the first president. Geoff said that didn't sit well with the Rotary Club of Naperville - fondly known in our humble circle as the "noon club" - which was chartered in 1941 and preferred being called THE Rotary Club of Naperville. But time has softened rivalry and verbal barbs have become friendly repartee.

Other charter members still with our Club include **Bruce George, Mark Halligan, Steve Essig** and **John Ball** (honorary).

Diaper Drive



The waiting paid off for **Deb**. She and **Bill Hassett** collected \$1,000 worth of diapers for the West Suburban Community Pantry. Diapers and feminine hygiene products are not eligible for SNAP benefits.

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July 2023 (cont.)

Guests



Lewis Johnson is assistant district governor and member of the Auroror Sunrise Club.

Paul Novak, a winner of the Naperville Chamber of Commerce "Four Under 40" award, was a guest of **Marion Ruthig**.

- **Geoff Roehl's** son, **Spencer**, a junior at Kansas, is working a summer internship with a large consulting practice located in Chicago's Aon Building where he has access to a workout room and a rooftop bar.
- **Deb Newman's** son, **Sean Roe**, has been hired by a company that does "people services" for Tik Tok (ByteDance). He spent his first week on the job in London. Sean's wedding is scheduled for December 16, 2023.
- **Mike Tenuta** and **Dawn Newman** flew to Omaha with both sons and their families. There they met their new granddaughter, **Alice**.
- **Bruce** and **Beth George** have a new grandchild: **Augustus Taggart George**.
- **Lynne Nolan** and husband **Scott Julian** checked off one of Lynne's retirement goals by "staying at an actual beach resort (Hilton Head)" where they relaxed, swam, cycled along the beach, and watched dolphins from their room.

Member Matters

"Semi-retired" **Jim Povejsil** will continue working 20 hours a week for a proprietary software company. "Now I can devote more time to being Club treasurer." That's a good thing.



Virginia (Ginnie) and Terry Moore celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary

Jason and Stephanie Randall have been married five years.



2023-24 Foundation Chairman **Nikhil Gupta** urged Rotarians to contribute to the Rotary Foundation, saying that being a Rotarian is all about "giving back." Contributions accumulate interest and fund projects around the world. Ask Nikhil how to give regular donations or become a Paul Harris Fellow.





Jim Ensign needed only a few minutes to solve the puzzle box brought to our meeting by **Serdar Erkoca**. Inside was a \$20 bill.

- **Bill Hassett's** son, **Colin**, took the plunge after a 21-month engagement.
- **John Keough**, recently returned from a tour of Great Britain, has a new grandchild.

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